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TRANSMITTAL LETTER


Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed December 7, 2005; and
2. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 201657/2052. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated December 7, 2005 ("the Office Action"). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as indicated below and consider the remarks that follow:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.